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LA PARK, PA.

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- 1 Cypripedium, Peachblow, fine for winter
- 1 Cyperus alternifolius, Water Palm, fine
- 1 Eranthemum pulchellum, fine rich blue
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LONGING.

Oh for a calm and peaceful stroll
In Nature's autumn wood,
Where Asters bloom and crickets call
And everything seems good.

Rochester, N. Y.

G. F. Otto.

LADY LARPENT'S PLUMBAGO

THE beautiful little hardy perennial known as *Plumbago Larpentæ* was introduced from Shanghai in 1846, but is not yet as well known as it should be. The plants are slender and spreading, rarely appear more than a foot high, and bear clusters of rich indigo blue flowers throughout summer and autumn. The plants are perfectly hardy in the latitude of Southern Pennsylvania, and when once established in the garden, will last for years. They are also desirable for growing in a pot or vase, and when in full bloom the plants are very showy and beautiful.

The plants of *Plumbago Larpentæ* propagate readily from root-cuttings, and if let alone will quickly stool out into neat little clumps, the branches spreading in all directions. If planted along the margin of the greenhouse bench the little plants will soon issue freely from the crevice between the bottom and the side-board, and in due time will display a mass of rich bloom. If the roots are taken up and cut into short pieces, then placed in moist sand, little fibrous roots and green sprouts will shortly appear, and the diminutive cuttings can then be potted off singly in thumb pots, in which they will soon develop into neat little well-rooted plants.

Blue is a color that is not too freely represented in the garden or plant window during the summer and autumn months, and this exquisite little hardy, rich-blue *Plumbago* would be a favorite among flower gardeners if its merits were only better known. Anyone can grow it, and its striking beauty and attractiveness when in bloom never fails to elicit enthusiastic admiration and praise from those who see it.

Non-blooming Calla.—A *Calla* needs a rest every year to bloom; if rested oftener it will sometimes bloom several times during the year. The rest should be given by

partially withholding water for six weeks after the blooming or growing period is over. By cutting the first bud with its stem close to the ground, another bud will promptly push up and develop into a flower. In potting a *Calla* tuber set it an inch beneath the surface. Use sandy, fibrous loam with good drainage and water moderately at first, but liberally after growth begins. The most important requi-



BLOOMING PLANT OF PLUMBAGO LARPENTÆ.

site to promote blooming, however, is to ripen the tubers well after the growth is completed, in order to form buds.

Ferns.—Ferns like a rather sandy, loose, porous soil. When not naturally porous, dry and pulverize some moss and mix with it, making the compost one-third moss. If the soil is tenacious and freely watered it will become sour and infested with small "worms," from which little "gnats" develop. Lighter soil and less water, together with a slight dressing of quick-lime will correct this trouble.

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State of Pennsylvania, } ss
County of Lancaster, }

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GEO. W. PARK

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(My commission expires Jan. 2, 1918.)

November, 1917.

Crinum Ornatum.—A blooming sized bulb of this Crinum should be potted in an eight-inch pot, leaving the neck protruded above. Use a rather tenacious but well-drained soil, enriched with thoroughly decayed manure. Give plenty of direct sunlight, and when winter comes, give only enough water to keep the plant in good condition, then set in a cool but frost-proof place. Renew the water supply in the spring, and give a warm, sunny situation. Avoid over-potting.

Ismene Calathina.—This is a handsome plant of the Amaryllis family, bearing beautiful, fragrant white flowers in summer. The bulbs should be inserted so that the crown is covered, the soil being a rich, rather tenacious soil with good drainage. Water liberally while growing and blooming, and keep in partial shade. In autumn dry the plant off and keep in a frost-proof place till spring, when it can be bedded out in a suitable place or repotted or shifted into a larger pot.

Callas.—The spotted Calla, *Richardia maculata*, is a summer-blooming plant, and the tuber should be lifted in the fall, dried off and kept like *Gladiolus*.

The White Calla will bloom in summer or winter, according to the time it is rested. To bloom in summer keep it dormant in winter; to bloom in winter rest it in summer. During the resting period withhold water entirely and keep it in a cool place. If kept in a pot and continuously watered, the plant is liable to remain flowerless. In potting a Calla, set it an inch or more beneath the surface of the soil, as the roots issue from around the crown of the tuber.



SEEDLING SHRUBS AND TREES.

MANY of the Shrub and Tree seeds germinate readily when they are fresh, or when they have just ripened. A great many, however, are tardy in starting, and often lie dormant in the ground for two or three or even four or five years. But notwithstanding this tardiness and uncertainty some enthusiasts find great pleasure in starting shrubs and trees from seeds, as the following letter from one of our subscribers indicates:

Mr. Editor:—Among other seeds I sowed in early spring was a packet of mixed Shrub and Tree seeds, and I think I am really more interested in them than I am in any of the others. I planted them four weeks ago, and have seven odd-looking little plants up to date. I realize the majority of them are slow in germinating, but as I am very young as yet, and expect to live to be very old, I am more than willing to wait one or two or three years for them to come up.—Miss Schneider, Mo., May 28, 1917.

As there is a great difference in the sizes of the seeds it is well to grade them and sow in different rows, covering to the depth of twice their thickness. By this means the small seeds will not be buried, and the large seeds will not be on top of the ground. The bed ought to be where it will not be disturbed for several years, and if some nude brush is thrown over it to ward off the hot, drying sunrays and winds, but not enough to smother the plants, it will be found beneficial. Plants that start promptly can be removed to a more congenial place. The bed should not be allowed to dry out entirely, as it would destroy the germs of starting plants. Fresh seeds of *Berberis* and *Ligustrum Ibotum*, also Sweet Brier, Lilac, *Calycanthus*, *Philadelphus*, etc., sown in autumn will mostly come up in the spring. Fresh seeds of Grape, *Per-simmon*, *Linden*, *Clematis*, *Locust*, etc., will mostly show a few plants in the spring, more during summer and autumn, and the most of the seeds will show plants the second or third year. By fall-sowing of mixed Shrub and Tree seeds you gain a whole year under ordinary conditions, and those who think of trying such seeds should not hesitate until the autumn season is past.

After Blooming.—After Easter Lilies, *Freesias* and *Oxalis* bloom, continue watering moderately and keep in a rather cool, retired place until the foliage fades, then withhold water entirely, drying the plants off completely. The pots can then be set in a well-ventilated cellar until August, when they may be again brought up and the bulbs repotted.

Editor's Letter

MY DEAR FRIENDS: I do not recall a more beautiful Autumn season than we have had this year. A frost came in September which tinted the foliage of the Woodbine and Sumac and Sassafras, and as the season advanced, the tints deepened into a rich carmine-scarlet, which with the golden yellow of the Hickory and Maple and the bronzy red of the Oak and glowing crimson of the Black Gum gave to the woods and mountains and general landscape a glorious and charming effect. It is at this season that we love to tramp through the woods and note the various attractions that Nature yields for our pleasure. And I will invite you all to go with me upon such a trip.

The afternoon is bright and beautiful. The air is still and the crickets sing in full chorus as we cross the undulating field to the woods. We see a row of shrubs and small trees bordering the taller growth, and standing in a fence-row by the lane is a tall, dense, spreading Maple that is clothed in brilliant scarlet, so attractive that without effort we find our path leading directly toward it. How rich and conspicuous and pleasing is this charming autumn specimen standing out against the more somber colors of the forest, which shows brown and bronzy red and yellow in distinct contrast.

When we come near we stop to look and admire and reflect. Why was this giant Maple given such a glorious array of bright color upon the approach of the dormant season, while other trees, its companions, are clad in dull bronze or yellow colors or perhaps in brown? In early spring, before the Oak and Beech trees were dressed for the summer, this Maple was a mass of scarlet bloom, and beneath its long, swaying branches we heard the merry buzz of the honey bee, as it gathered the sweets for its store, and the happy song of the nesting Robin; now, as we listen, we hear the rather lonely song of the Cricket in the grass, the fierce call of the Jay and the melancholy caw of the Crow. But there is something enchanting even in these voices of Nature, and we rejoice and feel thankful for the things we see and hear.

But here is the gate into the woods let us open it and enter. How beautiful is the group of purple Asters by the woodland path, and how rich and pleasing the lovely yellow plumes of the Golden Rod. We admire them and pass on, leaving them undisturbed until our return. Now, we come to a big clump of the high-bush Huckleberry, five feet high and almost as many feet through, and a flaming mass of carmine foliage. We are enraptured at the sight, and in fancy can almost hear the command given to Moses when a somewhat similar bush appeared before him; nor do we wonder that he wanted to go nearer to see and admire. We think of the wealth of delicious fruit that succeeded the pretty little bell-shaped flowers of this bush, and of the happy hours we spent

in earlier years, when, as boys and girls, we filled our vessels with the fragrant, appetizing berries.

But here is a taller shrub nearby that has cast its foliage and stands erect, the branches covered with golden bloom, while still the soft brown seed-hulls are opening and exposing the shining flat black seeds. What is it, do you ask? Just a clump of Witch Hazel, and the latest-blooming of all shrubs. I have seen clumps that were a mass of golden bloom in November. It blooms more freely in a dry, sunny place. As a rule it blooms sparingly in the woods.

Passing on we find mossy mounds over which the pretty vines of the Twin Berry

creep, the silver-veined evergreen leaves with the many rich scarlet berries affording a charming decoration. These berries with those of the Mountain Tea stay all winter, and are a wise provision of Nature to feed the wild birds that at times have trouble in finding enough to eat during the severe winter months.

And here are clumps of Spice Bush, showing spicy green foliage and scarlet berries, and clumps of Woodsy Sword Ferns, and Lace-ferns, delicate and graceful and pleasing. We now gather some of these, and returning we add branches of the Huckleberry, some Witch Hazel, the glowing Red Oak, the Sassafras and Maple, and pluck quantities of the Aster and Golden Rod, until we have an armful. Perhaps the most happy and delighted of our party is the genial dog, that made good use of the time, and seemed to be smiling and laughing and joyfully barking throughout the trip.

LaPark, Pa., Oct. 22, 1911

Geo. W. Park



"AND CLUMPS OF WOODSY SWORD FERNS."

Children's Letter



MY DEAR CHILDREN:—Who of you who live on the farm do not hail with joy the cool Fall days? It is then that the leaves take on their bright hues, and in time drop to the ground, and what boy or girl has not had a good time when he or she could wade in the dry, brown leaves, roll in them, throw them over a playmate, and make a noise with them. Yes, every child loves to play in a drift of dry leaves, and this play can only come in the Fall.

It is in the Fall, too, that the ripe brown nuts drop, and what joy comes to the boy or girl who can pick them up and take them home to use in the cold months of ice and snow. The Black Walnut, White Walnut, Hickorynut, Chestnut and Hazelnut—all are sweet and good, and give hours of mirth and cheer when the dull, cold days come. My dear boys and girls, you do well to store all you can get of these nuts. But if you do not find them on the home farm do not fail to ask the one who owns the trees for the right to pick them. Do not take them if you do not have the right to do so.

Do you know, my friends, that **nuts** are the best food you can use for the birds on cold days? Crack them and place on a board (with a rim) which you can nail to the sill near the glass. You will find great joy in the share of your nuts thus fed to the birds. To see them perch so near the glass and pick up and take off a big piece of nut, shell and all, is a rare and odd sight, and one you will be sure to enjoy. Even the big boys and girls of the home find this a source of joy. If you do not have nuts to feed the birds be sure to plan for some kind of food for them, and fix a board with a rim where you can see them at their feast. If you do I know you will be glad, and thank me for this hint.

And what boy or girl does not have a good time on the eve of All Saints' Day (Halloween)? When that night comes do we not think of the false face, the ears of corn, the crude eyes and nose and mouth of the big field squash, so made by some boy with his Jack knife? The bright light of the lamp set in shows up the face in fine style.

It is in the Fall, too, that school days come, with the new books, new scenes and new work. What boy or girl is not glad when the joys of school life are theirs once more? In the school room they learn to use their mind, and store it with words and thoughts and things that will do them good all through life; in the school yard the games of ball, the race with school

mates and the plays that give zest and strength and joy to boys and girls are not the least of the sweets of school life. In the years to come you will look back to these days as your best days—days when you were free from care, and life was like a long, sweet song.

"Time and tide wait for no man," and soon, my dear friends, the ice and snow and cold winds will take the place of the mild Fall days; and as time goes on we will once more have the warm rays of the Spring sun, the soft rains, the songs of birds, the green leaves on the trees, the rich, sweet bloom, and all the things that have made bright and sweet the joys of past years.

Thus will pass your life, my friends, day by day, year by year, until the Fall of Life comes, and you will look in vain for the boys and girls with whom you found mirth in the days of youth. They will all be gone—some never to return. So, make the best of youth's happy days and be sweet and kind to all with whom you play. The joys of life come to you day by day and as you mete them out to others. If you wait for

them you will not find them, even though you live to be old and gray. Your friend,

The Editor.

LaPark, Pa., Oct. 25, 1917.



BOUQUET OF FALL GRASSES.

For Pests.—To get rid of Green Lice, fumigate the plants with tobacco. To retain the fumes about the plants, cover with a close paper bag or a barrel or box. To keep the lice away place chopped tobacco stems over the surface soil about the plants. * * * For Red Spider sponge the under side of the infested leaves with soapsuds, to which has been added some kerosine oil and well mixed. * * * To eradicate White Worms and Gnats let the soil become very

dry, then apply lime water until it runs freely through the drainage hole. A little fresh-slacked lime stirred into the surface soil will also prove beneficial.

Tulip Seeds.—Sow these as soon as ripe, in a sunny bed, and when winter comes, cover the bed with a good coating of straw or manure, which should be removed when severe frosts are past in the spring. Cultivate early, and lift the bulbs and reset them, if you wish to use the bed in which the seedlings are growing. Some prefer to reset Tulip bulbs every year. Where the soil is sandy, well-drained, and in full exposure to sun, the bulbs need not be reset more than once in three or four years.

Wistaria not Blooming.—When a Wistaria fails to bloom, it is often because the plant is a seedling and is growing in soil too rich or too much shaded. If possible, give it a sunny place and sandy, moderately rich soil. If this cannot be done, prune the roots by cutting through the soil with a spade two feet from the plant, making a circle of four feet, thus reducing the nourishment of the plant, and stir some lime into the surface soil.

LAVENDER AND ROSEMARY.

THESE two shrubs should be grown in every garden. Cuttings of the half-ripened wood taken in the fall, placed in sandy loam under a glass, will generally grow by spring. They should be planted out in the spring, and if the weather is dry, a copious watering should be given. The Lavender will bloom in August and September, and these bloom stalks should be cut in the early morning and spread out in a cool place to dry, to be used as perfume during the winter. In central latitudes Lavender will be hardy during ordinary winters if leaves are scattered over the plant and kept in place by covering with a splint basket. Do not smother the plants with covering. Evergreen boughs are splendid. Rosemary will not prove so hardy, and it is always well to grow several plants, one to leave out, and the other to be dug in the fall, potted up, and kept in the house over winter in a half-dormant state. In England and on the Pacific Coast the Lavender is used for a hedge, but two feet is as high as it will grow in the middle west, and one foot is about the average.

New Albany, Ind. G. P.

Dahlias.—I wish Dahlia enthusiasts would write how they succeed best with their favorite flower, and which varieties are the finest to bloom. The soil in my yard is stiff or clayey, and I shall mix sand and sifted ashes with it to lighten it. My freest bloomers are Chas Clayton, red; Wolfgang von Goethe, apricot; and Country Girl, yellow—all Cactus varieties.



Other good ones are Theodore, maroon; Matchless, red; Papa Charmet, yellow and bronze; Souv de G. Douzon, large red; the old Grand Duke Alexis and Storm King, white; Countess of Lansdale, salmon; Geisha, red and yellow; Manheim, pink, decorative. J. E. Barowsky.

Evansville, Ind., Sept. 19, 1917.

Camphor Tree.—This is worth growing at the north in pots trimmed like a bay tree. It has shiny willow-like leaves, and when rubbed with the fingers gives off a pleasing odor. It may be treated like the Oleander, rested in a light cellar during the winter months. The young shoots and leaves of this plant are cut, and from them camphor is distilled. It is well to remember that most southern trees and shrubs when grown in pots at the north should have a sandy loam for their best growth.

New Albany, Ind. G. P.

Cannas from Seeds.—I had great luck last year with Cannas from seeds. I started them in small boxes in March. They were about three inches high when I set them out, but by September they were as high as my head, and full of bloom. I shall raise more from seeds next year.

Ashtabula, O. F. L. Hartwell.

AT THE CLOSE OF DAY.

From shops and fields the laborers roam,
When the sun sinks low in the west;
As one by one they're gathering home,
To enjoy the well earned rest.

For rest is sweet to the weary feet,
When the toils of the day are over;
And the crickets are calling loud and clear,
From their haunts 'mong the grass and clover

When the soft gray twilight gathers round,
Then we lay our cares aside;
When Nature's harps are all a-tune,
In the country far and wide;

Then 'tis pleasant to roam in the fields a-far
Or among the flowers to stray;
And list to the Whip-poor-wills odd song,
At the close of a summer's day.

Stewartsville, Va.

Mrs. Rosie Quarles

IN THE TENNESSEE MOUNTAINS.

HOW mystical and romantic do the Tennessee Mountains appear under the magic touch of Charles Egbert Craddock's pen. From my window at "Brookcroft" I look out upon the hills that are at this season of the year a mass of gold. On a clear morning in the Fall it is a pleasure to hear the birds sing, and view the Goldenrod as it vies with the leaves of the forest in its contribution to the scenic beauty of the landscape.

Tennessee, "the river of the big bend," with its mountains and valleys, is unique in its setting, having three grand divisions known as east, middle and west, with political and social affiliations differing very much in each division. It is about 600 miles by rail from Bristol on the east to Memphis on the west.

It is the East Tennessee country to which I refer, and where we find the wild Rhododendron, Mountain Laurel and native Ferns. In one of these mountain ravines, hid away on the bank of a murmuring stream, is our home which we call "Brookcroft." It is here that we are happily planting our flower gardens, and getting ready for the coming of Spring and Easter.

Mrs. J. D. Burton.

Herriman, Tenn., Sept. 18, 1917.

Vinca and Zinnia.—We lived for two years where it was high and dry, and the wind blows hard, and I found that the Vinca rosea or Periwinkle and Zinnia grew and bloomed fine for me. The plants were a solid mass of bloom. As we had to haul water you may know we did not give them a liberal supply.



Mrs. Neta May.

Clemon Co., Texas, Sep. 24, 1917.

Dusty Miller.—Cineraria maritima, the Dusty Miller, is a flower that does well here. The worst feature is that it is a perennial, and spreads from root and seeds. It grows about 2½ feet high, when well grown, and perhaps 18 inches across. It has rosy pink bloom an inch across, and leaves an inch wide and two inches long, that look as if dusted with flour.

Salem, Oregon.

Mrs. N. L.



FLORAL POETRY.

FLORAL QUOTATIONS FROM SHAKESPEARE.

"Here's flowers for you:
Hot Lavender, Mints, Savory, Marjoram;
The Marigold, that goes to bed wi' the sun,
And with him rises weeping, these are the flowers
Of middle summer." —Winter's Tale.

"When Daisies pled and Violets blue
And Lady-smocks all silver-white,
And Cuckoo-buds of yellow hue,
Do point the meadows with delight."
—Love's Labour's Lost.

"At Christmas I no more desire a rose
Than wish a snow in May's new-fangled mirth;
But like of each thing that in season grows."
—Love's Labour's Lost.

"To gild refined gold, to paint the Lily,
To throw a perfume on the Violet,
Is wasteful and ridiculous excess."
—King John.

"I know a bank where the wild Thyme blows,
Where Oxlips and the nodding Violet grows;
Quite over canopied with lucious Woodbine,
With sweet Musk-rose, and with Eglantine."
—Midsummer Night's Dream.

"Rough winds do shake the darling buds of May,
And summer's lease hath all too short a date."
—Sonnets.

"The fields are fragrant and the woods are green."
—Titus Andronicus

"Under the greenwood tree
Who loves to lie with me,
And tune his merry note
Unto the sweet bird's throat."
—As You Like It.

Berlin, N. J. Cora S. Day.

SWEET ASSURANCE.

Through the Lilled lanes at even,
When the cooling dews from heaven,
Sparkled like the gleaming jewels, that the fair
Eulalie wore;
Through the pleasant hills and dales,
Through the endless inter vales,
We shall wander, wander, wander never more.

Time is passing, and at last
Ail the longing will be past,
That the weary years of absence, to my heart of
sorrow bore;
Then with happy greeting smiles,
Through the endless after whiles,
We shall wander, wander, wander ever-more.
Akron, O., Aug. 20, 1917. Mary Evelyn Sweeney.

A BLADE OF GRASS.

Brave little soldier green,
Thrusting your sword between
Hard trodden bricks, that lie
O'er roots that seek the sky;
Brave little blade of grass,
Thou teachest, as we pass,
Courage! So God has willed
Thy mission is fulfilled.

Berlin, N. J. Cora S. Day,

LOVE IN A COTTAGE.

A little cottage, painted white,
With tiny windows, clear and bright;
Fresh muslin curtains, white as snow,
Between which red Geraniums glow.

A little trellis at the door,
Pink Rambler Roses running o'er;
A bride beneath who waits to hear,
The voice of him she holds most dear.

The tiny walk-way, to the gate
She scans, alarmed lest he be late.
Hark! was his footstep what she heard?
No, 'twas the fluttering of a bird.

Again she looks o'er fields afar,
With cheeks as pink as roses are;
She sees, at last, his form appear,
And hears his welcome whistle clear.

Oh, youthful hearts! Oh, blissful days,
When love the magic sceptre sways.
Palace could no more rapture bring,
Than this small cot, where love is king

Cardwell, Va. Annie Smith

A NOVEMBER STUDY.

November comes again with chill winds howling o'er
the land,
Dark skies, gray clouds and gusts of rain;
One glimpse of brilliant sun, then overcast and gone,
And sleet on walk and roof and window pane.

And still our swamps and walls are masses gray of
Old-man's Beard,
Swamp berries, red as wine; gray flocks of geese
in line go honking overhead;
And saucy Blue Jays shrilly call, defiant, gay, well-fed,
And who shall say November isn't fine.

Within our cozy farm-house room are cheerful plants
in bloom;
Here's Music-books and pictures, rest for all;
Choice nuts and fruits and games, Thanksgiving
plans and aims;
White evening lamp and ruddy fire-light shadows
play softly over all.
Schuylerville, N. Y. T. R. Burt.

LICK MOUNTAIN.

Among the hills of old Virginia,
Stands a mountain grand and high;
Where I've often roamed with pleasure,
In the happy days gone by.

It is often called Lick Mountain,
For the deer long years ago,
Roamed among the oaks and poplars,
That upon this mountain grow.

But alas, among the boulders,
Bear and deer no more abide;
But among the trees and flowers,
Wild birds sing and foxes hide.

Oh, charming is the old Lick Mountain,
Decked with ferns and laurel green,
And many a farm-house in the distance,
Add their beauty to the scene,

Stewartsville, Va. Mrs. Rosie Quarles.

MY MOTHER'S FLOWERS.

With delight-I think of my mother's flowers,
In the days of long ago;
In her garden she spent so many hours,
And thus she aged slow;
For a heart of trust and cheerful ways,
Secured to her these happy days.

I'll note some flowers my mother grew,
Sweet Pinks and Four-O'clocks,
Pansies, Balsams, Forget-me-nots,
Red Zinnias and Hollyhocks;
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In the most common foods of America, the starches, sugars, table syrups, candies, polished rice, white bread, soda crackers, biscuits, macaroni, spaghetti, tapioca, sago, farina, degerminated cornmeal, no longer is iron to be found. Refining processes have removed the iron of Mother Earth from these impoverished foods, and silly methods of home cookery, by throwing down the waste-pipe the water in which our vegetables are cooked are responsible for another grave iron loss.

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Albert E. Vassar.

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Norman Sta. Ind.

John E. Fisher.

From Pennsylvania.—Mr. Park: I am a great lover of Flowers, and the little Floral Magazine is the most welcomed visitor at my house. I read it from cover to cover, sometimes perhaps three times over. I always enjoy reading the Editorial letter, and also all the letters from the Floral sisters. Surely whoever loves flowers must love this little Magazine. I have a very pretty flower garden every summer. I am not without blossoms from the time the spring bulbs begin to bloom until late in the fall, when the snow comes and puts everything to sleep. It would be hard for me to say which flower I love best. Every little plant I put in the garden I give the same tender care. I have quite a variety of house plants, hardy plants. Spring bulbs and Summer bulbs. I have a beautiful collection of Dahlias. I spend a lot of time in my garden. I do every bit of the work myself, and enjoy it.

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"Dolichos at the gate"

by actual measurement, until I scolded them and pinched them back to form side shoots. And the Zinnias—oh, I wish all flower-lovers could have seen them. They grew taller than I—more than five feet, and from the middle of June until frost were loaded with monster blooms from ivory white to deep purple and maroon-black. Never before or since have I seen such Zinnias. 1916, after June 1st, was exceedingly dry, Poppies and Balsams were again a total failure; but the Petunias, which seem to be the hardest of seedling flowers, and Eschscholtzias flaunted their impudent faces daily at a brassy sky and furnace-hot sun for thirteen consecutive weeks of drought. Martynias were beautiful, showing their large, Gloxinia-like flowers all summer. They were in a bed 16 or 20 feet from the house, and more than once we wished them at the bottom of the sea, for coupled with their beauty is a fragrance so heavily sweet as to be nauseating. I am trying many flowers this season that are new to me, but I would like to get many others, and would be pleased to exchange lists with a view to exchanging plants.

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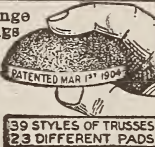
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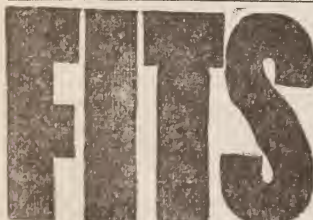
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In green rushes tall and cool,
On a wet and mossy bog.
See! a spotted little frog.

That's my minstrel; every night,
Hear him play his tune just right;
Yes, and near him sits another—
That must be his little brother.

Windom, Minnesota.

Clara C. Schroeder.

CORRESPONDENCE.

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Ashtabula, O.

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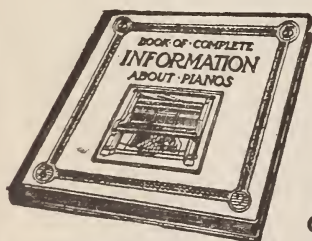
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